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SENATOR SCOTT'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP BILL HEADED TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 894 would provide training opportunities for community college leaders

Senator Jack Scott (D-Pasadena) announced today that SB 894, his bill to create a Community College Leadership Training Institute, has been approved by the Legislature. SB 894 addresses the critical shortage of trained leaders within the California community college system by establishing a Leadership Institute at a college or university in California. The bill passed the Senate 30-8 and now goes to the Governor for action.

"I'm very pleased by the passage of this important leadership program," said Senator Scott. "The future of our community colleges depends on successful leadership as we face the many challenges of a fast-growing and diverse student population and limited resources."

"As a former community college president, I have seen firsthand the need within our colleges for adequately prepared leaders," continued Senator Scott. "I hope this bill creates a resurgence of interest in the training of leaders within our community colleges."

Senator Scott obtained \$500,000 in funding for the leadership institute in the state budget. The Institute would be charged with developing and coordinating a network of colleges and universities to provide leadership training opportunities for community college trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff. Programs would include graduate fellowships, certificate programs, and intensive summer workshop programs.

Glendale Community College President John Davitt joined many other community college presidents statewide in supporting SB 894. "There is a real crisis in (community college) leadership as exemplified by the musical chairs that goes on with administrators at all levels. When the average tenure of the CEO is less than four years, there is something lacking. Constant turnover of administrators is not cost effective, and perpetuates a constant merry-go-round among community college administrative staffs."

The Governor has until October 14 to act on this measure.

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